



Mayor Graves' Column – June 12, 2014

What's Going on in Gallatin?

Recently, a woman new to Gallatin stopped me and thanked me for the newsletters and email alerts the City does to help keep citizens informed about events, projects and other business of the City of Gallatin.

She said that people who have lived in Gallatin most of their lives may know about activities that happen on a regular or annual basis – like Square Fest, or the rodeo, or July 4th fireworks. But some people, like her, who have recently made Gallatin home appreciate getting the updates so they can mark their calendars for many of the free or low-cost activities.

In case you've missed the recent newsletter or you're not on our list for email updates, here's what's coming up in the next few weeks:

- **Music at the Market:** Tonight, Thursday, June 12, 6:30pm – 8pm; Gallatin Farmers Market, 160 W. Franklin Street; Free and open to the family; the Freedom Church Worship Team praise band performs. One July 10th we'll have Mike Scott Bluegrass & Banjo. And, on August 14th, the Todd London Jazz Trio.
- **Mayor's Night Out:** Monday, June 16th, at Mable's Dining Room, 1005 S. Water Avenue, 5pm-6pm; drop in and talk to the Mayor anytime during that hour – no appointment necessary.
- **3rd Thursday on Main:** Thursday, June 19th, 6:30pm-9pm, on Gallatin's downtown square; free and open to the family; The Parks Band is scheduled to perform.
- **Rose Mont Festival:** Saturday, June 21st, 810 S. Water Avenue; the historic home will have booths for antiques, furniture, jewelry, crafts, books and more; the home will be open for tours; there will be an auction of re-production furniture handcrafted by Gallatin's own John Garrott.
- **Sumner County Fair:** June 23rd-28th at the Sumner County Fairgrounds at Maple Street & Fairgrounds Road; along with rides and exhibitions, this year's fair includes the Big Mule Show, the Fairest of the Fair, vintage flat track motorcycle races, the walking horse show, and more.
- **July 4th Music & Fireworks:** Friday, July 4th, 6pm until dark; sponsored by the City of Gallatin; The Parks Band will perform; we'll have several food vendors; the Fire Department Tower of Foam; and fireworks at dark; free and open to the entire family.
- **Sumner County Bold Enough Challenge Rodeo:** Friday & Saturday, July 11th & 12th; Triple Creek Park, Gallatin; proceeds from the rodeo benefit the Sumner County Anti-Drug Coalition; gates open at 5pm on Friday & 6pm on Saturday; event is rain or shine.

This, by no means, is a complete list of events over the next few weeks. Both the Gallatin Chamber of Commerce and the Sumner County Convention & Visitors Bureau keep a pretty comprehensive list on their websites.

If you'd like to get on the City of Gallatin's email list, go to www.gallatinonthemove.com, click on the envelope icon and sign up for email updates. You are always welcome to call my office and we'll answer your questions or direct you to the people who can. I look forward to seeing you at all these fun events!